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SUBJECT: US/GOJ TALKS ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

REF: A. STATE 85772, B. KINGSTON 1613

1. RE COMPOSITION OF US TEAM AND TIMING OF ITS ARRIVAL, CHARGE ADVISED GORDON WELLS (PM'S PERMANENT SECRETARY), APRIL 18, AND DON BRYCE (FOREIGN MINISTRY CO-PERMANENT SECRETARY), APRIL 19, ALONG LINES REFTEL A. AID AFFAIRS OFFICER, CHARLES CAMPBELL, ACCOMPANIED CHARGE ON LATTER CALL. NEITHER WELLS NOR BRYCE DISPLAYED ANY CONCERN OVER DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF TEAM. BRYCE SURMISED THAT EARLY MAY COULD BE A LIKELY TIME-FRAME. HE ALSO SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON WOULD BE IN GUYANA MAY 3-6 ATTENDING CARICOM COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING BUT WOULD WISH TO MEET WITH TEAM EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THAT TRIP.

2. BRYCE SAID FRANK FRANCIS, HIS CO-PERMANENT SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WILL CHAIR THE JAMAICAN TEAM (SEE REFTEL) B.)

3. TURNING TO PRODUCTION PLAN, BRYCE SAID IT WILL GO TO THE PRINTER IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO US ON FRIDAY OR OVER THE WEEKEND. PM
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MANLEY IS SCHEDULED TO PRESENT THE PLAN TO PARLIAMENT EVENING OF APRIL 22.

4. FINALLY, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY AID AFFAIRS OFFICER, BRYCE REAFFIRMED GOJ'S INTEREST IN EXPLORING WITH US TEAM THREE BROAD AREAS OF EXPANDED ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION: (A) PROJECT AID PRIMARILY IN THE

AREA OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND HOUSING; (B)
SUPPLIERS' CREDIT IN THE FORM OF PL-480 AND CCC (BRYCE
ADDED THAT THE JAMAICA TEAM WAS PUTTING TOGETHER A
LIST OF KEY RAW MATERIAL IMPORTS TO BE FUNDED THROUGH
SUCH CREDITS); AND (C) TRADE COOPERATION. IN THE
LATTER AREA JAMAICA TEAM WILL BE SEEKING US ASSISTANCE
VIS-A-VIS TRADE PROMOTION FOR RANGE OF TRADITIONAL AND
NEW EXPORTS. HE MENTIONED HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS AS
BEING ONE AREA OF NEW EMPHASIS.
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